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Same Old Spots in Sight

Allen Dulles, brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, recently said he could detect no great change in the Soviet Russian attitude toward the world. He hinted Communists don't change their spots, any more than leopards.

A cartoonist caught the same idea in a conception of the "Geneva spirit" as a Cheshire cat, fading away till there was nothing left but the smile.

Mr. Allen Dulles, head of the U. S. intelligence (or counterspy) service, ought to know what's going on inside the curtain countries. However, he dare not tell all he knows.

His brother, the Secretary of State, doesn't exactly say he agrees that the Reds are same old resistant trouble-makers. John Foster Dulles, being a diplomat, says he thinks there's a chance we can make a decent peace in the world. In this he seems not to agree with Allen.

Yet the degree of disagreement hinges upon how warm the hopes of solid Communist good will may be. Neither Mr. Dulles is apt to be very bullish about that. We suspect they are both close to common opinion, something to the effect there's always chance for a miracle.

As the Secretary puts it, "We must have plans that are responsive to either contingency. They must not rebuff a change which might be that for which the whole world longs, and, on the other hand they must not expose us to what could be mortal danger."

The two Dulleses know well a change of face has meant no softening of the Communist heart in the past. The Communists got hold of much of Eastern Europe by the "united front" technique. Communists worked with and for good causes such as land reforms, more schools, an apparent improvement in hu-

man freedom of all kind. But when the Reds had control of education, defense and transport and communications, the government branches they always sought to worm into, they sprung their mouse-trap.

The sheep who had worked on the common front with the Communists found the latter had been using them and good causes only as means to one end, absolute Communist domination.

The sweetness and light technique is now being applied in the Soviet peace propaganda. If the West can be disorganized and lulled into weakness, the trap will be sprung again in some sought-after area. It could be Free Germany, as yet without its own defense if Western troops are withdrawn.

The same common front method has worked in Indonesia, wonderfully wealthy Southeast Asian archipelago, where Red leaders promise higher pay, more free land and public ownership of rubber and oil properties. They knew the natives can seldom read, so they put the hammer-and-sickle emblem all over the countryside, figuring the voters in the current elections would ballot the symbol seen the more often.

Indonesians are falling for the sweet talk of the Reds. Here, again, we may see a vital part of the world go over to the enemy without a shot fired, just because a lying Communist is so hard to combat on our own intelligence-based terms.

When John Foster Dulles talked with the President, he couldn't tell him the Red leopard has changed any spots. Hopes may still be held, because the alternative is despair. But hopes will be tentative and those who hold them vigilant in the light of the record.

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